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SUBJ: INDIAN CONSULATE IN CHICAGO, CONGEN CALCUTTA, AND
CONSULAR CONVENTION WITH INDIA

REF: STATE 126435

1. EMBASSY AGREES THAT THE TIME MAY BE RIPE TO PROPOSE
NEGOTIATION OF A CONSULAR CONVENTION TO GOI. WE ASSUME
THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO ARRANGE AND
COMPLETE, AND ARE FAIRLY SURE IT WOULD TAKE GOI AN
EXTENDED LENGTH OF TIME THEREAFTER TO RATIFY ANY AGREED
CONVENTION. (SOVIET AND CZECH CONSULAR CONVENTIONS
CONCLUDED AND SIGNED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS ARE STILL
AWAITING RATIFICATION.) THE INFIAN PROBLEM APPEARS TO
RELATE TO PROBLEMS OF ADJUSTMENT IN COMESTIC LEGISLATION
TO ACCOMODATE TERMS OF CONSULAR CONVENTIONS, AND THE
FLUIDITY OF THE LEGAL ENVIRONMENT SINCE THE EMERGENCY
APPEARS TO HAVE PUT THE QUESTION OF TAKING SUCH ACTION
ON ICE.

2. NEVERTHELESS NEGOTIATIONS ON A CONVENTION WOULD
INDEED ENABLE US TO SURFACE AND DISCUSS A NUMBER OF US
CONCERNS AND TO WORK TOWARD AT LEAST DE FACTO UNDER-
STANDINGS ON CONSULAR PRACTICE WITH GOI. WE WILL LOOK
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FORWARD TO RECEIVING NEA/INS MEMORANDUM ON THE CONSULAR

DISTRICT/CONSULAR CONVENTION PROBLEMS REFERRED TO IN
REFTEL. IT IS SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR TO US HOW WE COULD DELAY
ON INDIAN REQUEST FOR CONGEN CHICAGO UNTIL CONSULAR
DISTRICT PROBLEM WAS THRASHED OUT IN COURSE OF CONSULAR
CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS. AND WE MAY THEREFORE FIND IT
USEFUL TO DEAL WITH CONSULAR DISTRICT AND CONSULAR
CONVENTION PROBLEMS SEPARATELY. WE WILL, HOWEVER, DEFER
FURTHER COMMENT ON THIS UNTIL WE SEE INS VIEWS.

3. MEA SENT OVER ROUTINE DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO EMBASSY LAST
WEEK REQUESTING VISA FOR ONE PERMA NAND AS MEMBER OF STAFF
OF "CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA, CHICAGO". AN OFFICIAL
A-2 VISA WAS ROUTINELY ISSUED BY CONSULAR SECTION MAY 21.
EMBASSY HAS ENSURED THAT NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN
ON ANY REQUESTS FOR VISAS FOR INDIAN PERSONNEL GOING TO
CHICAGO PENDING CLARIFICATION OF THE WHOLE ISSUE.
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